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But electronic giving makes a lot of sense for folks who want to build up their giving painlessly. Start with an amount that you know can be handled. Then the next year, increase that giving and so on. You may reach the tithe quite easily.

The point is, automatic deductions provide an excellent way to establish a giving base. And, with the holiday season approaching it is also a good way not to “fall behind” in giving. Consider giving through PAR or POP.

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